CLAIMS

1. A method of preparing isoflavan or isoflavene derivatives of Formula 1, comprising,

a preparation step 1 of synthesizing a compound of Formula 4 by condensing a compound of Formula 2 and a compound of Formula 3 in a base;

a preparation step 2 of synthesizing of a compound of Formula 5, including Formula 5a and Formula 5b, by reducing a compound of Formula 4; and

a preparation step 3 of synthesizing a compound of Formula 1 including Formula 1a and Formula 1b, by etherizing the compound of Formula 5.

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<Formula 1>

$$R_2$$
 R_3
 R_4
 R_9
 R_8
 R_7

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<Formula 1a>

$$R_2$$
 R_3
 R_4
 R_9
 R_8
 R_7

<Formula 1b>

$$R_2$$
 R_3
 R_4
 R_9
 R_8
 R_7

<Formula 2>

$$R_2$$
 R_3
 R_4
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 R_3

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<Formula 3>

$$R'O_2C$$
 R_9
 R_8

<Formula 4>

$$R_2$$
 R_3
 R_4
 R_9
 R_8
 R_8

<Formula 5>

$$R_2$$
 R_3
 R_4
 R_9
 R_8
 R_7

<Formula 5a>

$$R_2$$
 R_3
 R_4
 R_9
 R_8
 R_7

<Formula 5b>

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$$R_2$$
 R_3
 R_4
 R_9
 R_8
 R_7

In the Formulas 1 to 5, substituents of R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆, R₇, R₈ and R₉ are independent of each others and represent a hydrogen, a hydroxy, a halogen, a straight or branched alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a haloalkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkoxyalkyl group, an alkyloxy group, an alkynyloxy group, an alkyloxy group, or an alkynyloxy group, an alkyloxy group having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms, an amine group having a general Formula of NR₁₀R₁₁, an amide group having a general Formula of R₁₀NCOR₁₁, a nitro group, a cyano group, an alkylthio group, an akenylthio group and an alkynylthio group

having from 1 to 20 carbons, a phenyl group, a substituted phenyl group, a benzyl group, and a substituted benzyl group;

In the groups of R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆, R₇, R₈ and R₉, any two adjacent substituents are interlinked through -OCH₂O-, -SCH₂S-, -OCO₂-, -OCH₂CH₂O-, -OCH₂S-, -OCH₂CH₂-, -OCH₂CH₂CH₂-, -OCH₂CH₂CH₂-, -OCH₂CH₂CH₂-, -OCH₂CH₂CH₂-, -SCH₂CH₂CH₂-, -SCH₂CH₂CH₂-, -SCH₂CH₂CH₂-, -SCH₂CH₂CH₂-, -SCH₂CH₂CH₂-, -SCH₂CH₂CH₂-, a fused benzene ring, a furan ring, an indole ring, or a pyridin ring.

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The substitutents of R', R_{10} or R_{11} of the Formula 3 represent an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, an alkynyl group, an haloalkyl group, or an alkoxyalkyl group having 1 to 20 carbons.

- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the protected o-hydroxybenzaldehyde compound of the Formula 2 is a compound protected by using one selected from the group consisting of benzoyl chloride, pivaloyl chloride, methoxycarbonyl chloride, and trimethylsilyl chloride.
- 3. The method of any one of claims 1 and 2, wherein a base of the preparation step 1 is one selected from the group consisting of Lithium Diisopropylamide (LDA), NaNH₂, and KO^tBu.
- 4. The method of claim 3, wherein a reaction temperature is below about 0 $^{\circ}$ C.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein a reducing agent of the preparation step 2 is one selected from the group consisting of DIBAL, KBH (CHMeEt), LiBH(CHMeEt)₃, NaAlH₂(OCH₂CH₂OMe)₂, and LiAlH₂(OEt)₂ to give a compound of the Formula 5a by reducing only the ester group of the α-phenyl-cinnamate compound of the Formula 4 for synthesizing the compound of the Formula 1a.

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- 6. The method of claim 5, wherein the reduction of the compound of the Formula 5a to a compound of the Formula 5b is hydrogenation catalyzed by one selected from the group consisting of Nickel, Palladium, Platinum, Ruthenium and Rhodium for synthesizing the compound of the Formula 1b.
- 7. The method of claim 1, wherein a reducing agent of the preparation step 2 is one selected from the group consisting of LiAlH₄, NaAlH₄, LiBH₄, and LiBEt₃ to give the compound of the Formula 5b by reducing both the ester group and the olefinic double bond of the α-phenyl-cinnamate compound of the Formula 4 for synthesizing the compound of the Formula 1b.
- 8. The method of claim 1, wherein the reduction of the olefinic double bond of the compound of Formula 4 in the preparation step 2 is carried out by using a double bond reducing agent of one selected from the group consisting of NaBH₄ and LiBH₄ in a condition with a Lewis acid catalyst, or by hydrogenating with one selected

from the group consisting of Nickel, Palladium, Platinum, Ruthenium, and Rhodium as a catalyst to give a compound of Formula 6 and then the ester group of the Formula 4 is reduced with a reducing agent selected from the group consisting of LiAlH₄, NaAlH₄, LiBH₄, and LiBEt₃ to give the compound of the Formula 5b for synthesizing the compound of the Formula 1b.

<Formula 6>

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wherein, substituents of R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆, R₇, R₈ and R₉ are as defined in claim 1.

9. A compound of the Formula 4, wherein substituents of R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , R_6 , R_7 , R_8 , R_9 and R' are as defined in claim 1.

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<Formula 4>

10. A compound of the Formula 5, wherein substituents of R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , R_6 , R_7 , R_8 , R_9 and R' are as defined in claim 1.

<Formula 5>

$$R_2$$
 R_3
 R_4
 R_9
 R_8
 R_7

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